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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

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Prior to the expiration of a 1-month period from the date of an October 7, 2004  
interview between the examiner and the Applicants' representative, and in compliance with  
MPEP 713.04, the Applicants submit the following remarks.

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